351. There were 331 (308) elementary schools and 6 (6) high schools in Bellary during the year. The number of regular institutions and subsidized dispensaries of modern medicine and Indian medicine maintained by the Board was 27 (27).

(xviii) Municipal Administration.

352. There were 105 Town Municipalities in the State excluding two Municipalities in the Bellary District. All these Municipalities except Y.N. Hosakote in Tumkur District were constituted from 1st April 1952. The Town Municipal Council, Y.N. Hosakote was constituted from 5th August 1954. Elections were held during February and March 1956 for reconstitution of these Municipal Councils from April 1956.

353. The total population in the Town Municipalities in the State during the year was 9,15,927 (excluding Bellary District).

354. The total number of elected and nominated members of the several Municipalities in all the districts at the end of the year was 1,689 (1,718) as against the sanctioned strength of 1,728 (1,730). Of these, five were nominated by Government and the remaining 1,684 elected. The total number of meetings held by the Town Municipal Councils during the year was 2,043 (2,228).

355. The Municipal Councils framed Bye-laws and Rules on the basis of the Model Bye-laws and Rules sanctioned by Government were being adopted by the several Municipalities.

356. Out of the total demand of Rs. 75,40,464 (Rs. 70,73,273) in all the Municipalities including the arrears under-assessed taxes, a sum of Rs. 52,38,247 (Rs. 50,87,167) was collected during the year leaving a balance of Rs. 23,02,217 at the end of the year. The arrears outstanding were heavy in all the districts of the State. Demand, Collection and Balance of Municipal Taxes.

357. A total sum of Rs. 1,50,92,040 (Rs. 90,24,359) was advanced to the several Municipalities so far during the year. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 4,14,098 was recovered leaving a balance of Rs. 1,46,77,942 at the end of the year. A sum of Rs. 4,82,710 was sanctioned as grant to several Municipalities for improvement works during the year.

PROTECTION

358. A sum of Rs. 22,69,477 was realised under Octroi during the year as against Rs. 20,52,995 in the previous year.

359. A sum of Rs. 44,56,407 (Rs. 40,26,616) was realised as income from municipal rates and taxes and the incidence of taxation per head of population was Rs. 4-13-1.

360. The midwives in the several Municipalities treated 14,480 (11,920) labour cases and 84,422 persons were vaccinated in the Town Municipalities of all the districts excluding Mysore and Shimoga Districts.

Education.

361. There were 41 (38) Municipal High Schools working in the Town Municipalities of Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur, Chitaldrug, Hassan and Shimoga Districts. A sum of Rs. 1,65,267 was spent for the maintenance of these institutions during the year (excluding Bangalore and Kolar Districts).

Street Lightings.

362. A sum of Rs. 2,77,721 (Rs. 2,52,489) was spent in the several Municipalities of Kolar, Tumkur, Hassan and Chickmagalur Districts towards street lighting during the year.